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Honorable Birch Bayh, Chairman
Select Committee on Intelligence
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I am forwarding a detailed report on the infrastructure, in response to your request of last year, reiterated in your 21 April 1978 letter. The contents of this report conform to requirements agreed on at a meeting between members of your Committee's staff and Agency representatives on 6 June. We felt it appropriate to delay submitting the report until the SCC had conducted its review of the infrastructure. [redacted]

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[redacted] An oral briefing on infrastructure operations, on a more sensitive level, is being prepared, in accordance with a request of your staff.

Enclosed with the report for your information is an unclassified study on Soviet propaganda recently prepared at the request of the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence.

Yours sincerely,

[redacted] Stansfield Turner

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

VIA : Deputy Director of Central Intelligence
Deputy Director for Operations

STAT FROM : [redacted]
Chief, IAD/Covert Action Staff

SUBJECT : Forwarding of Covert Action Infrastructure Report to the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence (SSCI)

1. Action Requested: That you forward the attached letter to Senator Bayh, and the accompanying report on the covert action infrastructure.

2. Background: The letter to Senator Bayh has two aspects:

a. in its first paragraph it provides the contents of Dr. Brzezinski's memorandum of 3 July 1978 (TAB A), advising that the President, in accordance with the conclusions of the 28 June SCC meeting, rejects the SSCI's proposed item-by-item review of the covert action infrastructure;

b. it forwards a comprehensive report on the infrastructure, in response to an SSCI request of last year, reiterated in Senator Bayh's letter of 21 April 1978 (TAB B).

For the better part of a year the SSCI has been dunning CIA for a comprehensive report on the covert action infrastructure. We felt it appropriate to defer providing this report until the Special Coordination Committee (SCC) had the opportunity to review the infrastructure, and so advised the SSCI and its staffers, formally and informally, on several occasions. The SCC conducted its annual review of covert action activities on 16 May 1978 [redacted]

so doing, the SCC put its stamp of approval on the current funding and tasking of the infrastructure, and it then became appropriate to forward the report.

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Chief, Covert Action Staff met with Bill Miller and other SSCI staffers on 6 June and worked out an informal agreement as to what issues should be considered, and facts provided, in the report. The passages on propriety of media operations, risk and consequences of exposures, "feedback," and "command and control" are direct responses to SSCI Staff requests. You will note that the factual passages on the infrastructure are not specific. The report, therefore, does not conflict with the President's determination. On the other hand, Miller has requested in future that the SSCI receive a detailed oral, executive session briefing on what he referred to as a "slice" of the infrastructure, which would serve to demonstrate how the entire propaganda network operated. The letter to Senator Bayh indicates that such a briefing is forthcoming. A draft of this oral briefing (TAB C) is attached for your consideration. While sanitized, it discusses in some detail the nature of our infrastructure assets at three Stations: [redacted]

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[redacted] We believe this discussion would be helpful in educating the SSCI membership as to how we carry out our propaganda operations. On the other hand, we realize that it could be construed as providing the Committee with detail in excess of the President's desires.

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We are attaching to the report a copy of the unclassified study on Soviet propaganda prepared for the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence.

3. Recommendation: It is recommended that you sign the attached letter to Senator Bayh forwarding the infrastructure report.

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Attachments, a/s

CONCUR:

Acting Deputy Director for Operations

Date

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Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

Date

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PREVIOUS VERSIONS

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United States Senate
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5 May 1978

Honorable Birch Bayh, Chairman
Select Committee on Intelligence
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I have your letter (Q#3032) to Admiral Turner forwarding the Committee's decisions regarding the FY-1979 covert action budget. We will respond to the Committee as soon as these decisions are fully studied.

I am sorry for the continuing delay in sending the Committee the report on the Agency's infrastructure which was requested as a result of the Committee's review of the FY-1978 covert action budget. The Special Coordinating Committee of the National Security Council has yet to review the infrastructure, and we are unable to forward the requested report until this review takes place. I am aware that Agency representatives testifying before the Committee on 2 March indicated their hope the report could be filed within 30 days of that date; however, the scheduled SCC review was again postponed. The meeting is now set for later this month; if the schedule is adhered to, we will be able to file the report shortly thereafter. We will keep you advised.

Sincerely,



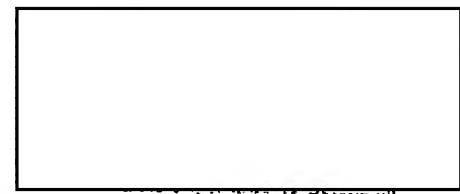
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Pat:

Attached is a letter from the SSCI containing findings on the Agency FY-79 covert action budget.

[REDACTED] is preparing a response. I have drafted the attached interim and sent it forward for LLM's signature. Please follow up with the DDO (Don Gregg and [REDACTED] and O/Compt [REDACTED] and prepare a final response. A new deadline of 18 May has been set for a response to this letter.

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Enclosed is last year's response to the Committee on recommendations, FYI.

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